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Applicant: Kjell EKBERG et al.
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For: SYSTEM FOR PREPARATION OF A SOLUTION
AND USE OF THE SOLUTION

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(A)

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Direct to: Office of Petitions
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 21, 2001

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the present Continuation-In-Part application be accepted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a), even though the second listed inventor, namely Sudhir CHOWDHURY, has refused to sign the application papers.

In support of this petition, there is submitted herewith a declaration of Mr. Anders LINDGREN, the foreign Patent agent having knowledge of the facts surrounding Mr. CHOWDHURY's refusal to sign the application papers. In his declaration, Mr. LINDGREN declares that on October 22, 2001 he sent a complete copy of the specification, claims, and drawings of the present CIP application together with an Assignment and a Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney to the non-signing inventor, Mr. Sudhir CHOWDHURY, at his last known address, namely: Vidjavagen 53, 123 52 FARSTA, Sweden, Mr. LINDGREN further states that he knew that Mr. CHOWDHURY would not be

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willing to execute the application papers for the filing of the present CIP application, but wanted to give him an opportunity to change his mind in this regard.

The entire package was mailed to Mr. CHOWDHURY by a registered letter, and was given fifteen days or no later than November 6, 2001 to respond to and execute the application papers. A copy of the letter sent to the non-signing inventor, as well as an English translation thereof accompanies Mr. LINDGREN's declaration.

As is indicated in the penultimate paragraph of Mr. LINDGREN's declaration, to date, Mr. CHOWDHURY has not responded by mail, although his wife called Mr. LINDGREN and indicated that due to a dispute between her husband and the Assignee, Mr. CHOWDHURY would not sign any documents.

In view of the above facts, and accompanying documents, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be accepted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a), even though the second-listed inventor has refused to sign.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h) petition of \$130.00 to counselor's deposit account no. 25-0120.

Respectfully submitted,

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